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A P P E A R A N C E S

Rev. Anne N. Gimenez - Rock Church, Virginia Beach

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. Kirkland Cox - Colonial Heights (R-66)

John A. Cosgrove - Chesapeake (R-78)

Joe Morrissey - Henrico (D-74)

S. Chris Jones - Suffolk (R-76)

Jeion A. Ward - Hampton (D-92)

Lionell Spruill, Sr. - Chesapeake (D-77)

Rosalyn R. Dance - Petersburg (D-63)

Tony O. Wilt - Rockingham (R-26)

Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. - Accomack (D-100)

R.B. Bell - Albemarle (R-58)

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1 their hand and say, "I reviewed the Commission's
2 plan sent to the Governor or I reviewed even one
3 of the 30 to 35 students plans"? I doubt that
4 that was done.

5 Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation and
6 responsibility to do our job, to do the people's
7 business, to do it in a nonpartisan fashion when
8 we can. Mr. Speaker, your party had a noble and
9 great opportunity to do that. It dropped the
10 ball. It didn't do that and at the end of the day
11 we come up with the same thing that the Democrats
12 did for 100 years before; a very partisan, a very
13 not the people's business map, and we did a
14 disservice to the Commonwealth.

15 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

16 THE SPEAKER: The gentleman from Richmond
17 City, Mr. Loupassi. The gentleman from
18 Mr. Suffolk, Mr. Jones.

19 DEL. JONES: Mr. Speaker, point of personal
20 privilege.

21 THE SPEAKER: The gentleman has the floor.

22 DEL. JONES: Mr. Speaker, I was interested to

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1 listen to the gentleman from Henrico and I've got
2 a couple answers for him.

3 I've looked at the plans from the students.
4 As a matter of fact, I believe as late as 10:00
5 last night I had staff down here trying to get the
6 correct version of one of the student's plans so I
7 could actually look at it.

8 The Governors's Commission promised plans
9 last week. They came in at 8:30 on Saturday
10 night. I left my daughter, who had a concert at
11 William & Mary. Come up here yesterday and worked
12 until 2:00 this morning trying to look at both of
13 those plans that were supposedly going to be here
14 last week. And I plan to look at those plans this
15 afternoon.

16 Professor Kidd, he used to be a constituent
17 of mine. A fine gentleman and I commend him for
18 his getting the students involved in the process
19 of government. So I have looked at both of the
20 plans from the college competition. There were
21 some flaws. There was a plus or minus deviation
22 of 20 percent in one district so they were trying

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1 said -- he drew up a little map about where he is.
2 He also spoke of in a previous meeting about
3 another minority district. And Number 1, I said
4 to the members here, is that we don't need another
5 minority district, Mr. Speaker, because if we want
6 another minority district, as you all would call
7 it, but let's say another black district, we don't
8 need it.

9 Because my friend Joe Morrissey, where he
10 live, that is a black district, and if the blacks
11 want another district they should take that seat.
12 If my friend, Joe Morrissey, is concerned about
13 another district, which he is, he spoke up earlier
14 about another minority seat, then he should have
15 stepped down and give it to a black person and
16 we'll have another seat.

17 Mr. Speaker, again, then the question came
18 about the line that was drawn about with Delegate
19 Chris Jones. I've had people to call me,
20 Mr. Speaker, both white and of course you all
21 blacks, you're all minority blacks, as they call
22 you all, both called me and said, "Do you know

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1 and my concern is now, now you another party in
2 control who's tried to work it out with everybody.

3 You ask me, "Am I going to vote for this plan?"

4 Yes. You ask me, "Do I believe that it was fair,
5 that Chris Jones did the best that he could?"

6 Yes.

7 To the Democrats; after all, he is a
8 Republican, you know. He's got to do something
9 for them. He's got to lookout for himself first
10 and then give us a bone and I believe he has given
11 us two or three bones, Mr. Speaker.

12 So I just want you all to know that when
13 these people just get up and yap, yap about it,
14 remember what goes around, come around. Remember
15 when we were in control, the good Democrats. I
16 don't know what I am right now, Mr. Speaker, but I
17 want them to remember when they were in control
18 how it was done. And that at least -- I only use
19 Chris Jones, because it's who I know, at least he
20 is trying to be fair to everybody. I'm asking all
21 my colleagues to vote for this plan.

22 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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1 adjustments between precincts. There might have
2 been some split areas, but those were the kind of
3 things that were happening, but we were talking
4 with legislators as we went. Things were not done
5 in a vacuum.

6 I know that even though a bill has been
7 introduced, that in working with our Chair that
8 there is going -- there are still options and, of
9 course, some amendments and I'm sure before a bill
10 is passed there will be some more amendments
11 there.

12 And I see this as truly a fair process. It's
13 not a perfect process, but I don't think it's one
14 that will have us jumping up and down and have
15 fits. We're not going to agree; but we can
16 respectfully agree or disagree as we go.

17 But I'm still proud to be a part of this
18 team. I still hope that at the end of day that
19 there will be more of us in agreement than not and
20 that we will be able to pass a plan and leave this
21 House. Because I think this is one of the most
22 important bills that we will pass and that is what

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1 the 100 House seats will look like in the next 10
2 years.

3 And I was pleased to be a part of that
4 committee and I'm not going to be jumping up and
5 down and say it's African-American or
6 Euro-Americans, but I do say that we need 55
7 percent at least voting African-Americans, not
8 just a population to show 55 percent
9 African-Americans. Because a lot of us know that
10 statistics show that we don't always vote.

11 Even though I come -- I live in Petersburg,
12 predominantly African-American, if the percentage
13 might be -- it should be 100 percent. It will be
14 40 percent. If it was (unintelligible word) if I
15 live in the community and I was your American --
16 if it was 100 percent, you'd get about 60 percent.
17 And so you have to deal with those realities.
18 That's the realities we're dealing with as we
19 model, as we look at the statistics that we're
20 working with.

21 And hope you all will consider that. And I
22 stand open even on my side; if those legislators

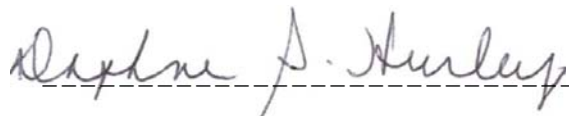
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